Growth over previous year in per cent

	Sectors	1998-99(Q)	1999-2000(A)
I.	Agriculture	7.2	0.8
II.	Industry	4.0	6.9
III.	Services	8.3	8.2
IV.	Total GDP	6.8	5.9

NOTE: Q: Quick estimates; A: Advance estimates I. includes agriculture, forestry and fishing. II. includes mining and quarrying, manufacturing, electricity, gas and water supply and construction. III. includes trade, hotels, transport and communications, financial services, real estate and business services, community, social and personal services.

Vacancies of judges in Patna High Court

*431. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that quite a large number of vacancies in Patna High Court have hampered the administration of Justice in Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the vacancies of judges in Patna High Court are likely to be filled-up for speedier justice to the people of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) to (c) The number of vacancies in the Patna High Court, as on 18th April, 2000, was 9.

The filling up of vacancies in the High Courts is a consultative process among the Constitutional authorities. While every efforts is made to fill up the existing vacancies expeditiously, vacancies do keep on arising on account of retirement, resignation or elevation of Judges. It is not possible to indicate the exact time by which the vacant posts are likely to be filled up.